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SUBJECT: 58TH ECOSOC: SOCIAL COMMITTEE--DECADE FOR ACTION

TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, ON APRIL 16 AND 17 SOCIAL COMITE WILL
CONSIDER, UNDER ITEM 8, HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS, SUB-ITEM ENTITLED
DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.
DOCUMENTATION WILL INCLUDE REPORT OF SYG ON THIS SUBJECT(E/5636)
AND ADDENDUM TO THAT REPORT WHICH ISSUED YESTERDAY, APRIL 9, AS
ADD.1, ENTITLED DECISION I(XI) PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMME FOR
A DECADE OF ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.
TEXT BELOW.

2. AS DEPT WILL NOTE, THIS DECISION WHICH SOCIAL COMITE WILL BE
CALLED UPON TO ENDORSE AND WHICH WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ENJOY
MAJORITY SUPPORT, IS DESIGNED BY THE COMITE ON THE ELIMINATION OF
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (CERD) TO ENHANCE ITS OWN POSITION WITHIN
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UN SYSTEM AND TO GIVE IT IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES IN IMPLEMENTING

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DECADE. NOTE THAT PARA 4 WOULD PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL TASK FORCE WITHIN HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION TO ACCELERATE MOMENTUM OF PROGRAMME.

3. THE US IS NOT A PARTY TO THE CONVENTION, ALTHOUGH WE DID VOTE IN FAVOR OF ITS CREATION IN 1969. SINCE THE CERD IS COMPOSED ONLY OF PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION, US IS NOT REPRESENTED ON IT. MISSION ASSUMES THAT US WOULD NOT OPPOSE CERD'S ATTEMPT TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN THE PROGRAMME, BUT REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS.

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QUOTE E/5636/ADD.1 8 APRIL 1975

HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS
DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 18 (F) OF THE PROGRAMME
FOR THE DECADE

ADDENDUM

ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION RELATING TO THE DECADE

1. AT ITS ELEVENTH SESSION WHICH COMMENCED ON 31 MARCH 1975,
DURING ITS 228TH TO 231ST MEETINGS HELD ON 3 AND 4 APRIL 1975,
THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
CONSIDERED THE ITEM ON ITS AGENDA RELATING TO THE DECADE
FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND
ADOPTED DECISION I (XI), WHICH IS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION
OF THE COUNCIL (SEE ANNEX).

2. FURTHER ACTION OR DECISIONS WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION
OF THE COUNCIL AS AND WHEN THEY ARE TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE.

ANNEX

DECISION I (XI). PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMME FOR A DECADE
OF ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
AT ITS 231ST MEETING, ON 4 APRIL 1975

THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,
HAVING CONSIDERED, AT ITS NINTH, TENTH AND ELEVENTH
SESSIONS, THE PROGRAMME FOR A DECADE OF ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM
AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 3057
(XXVIII) OF 2 NOVEMBER 1973 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
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THE UNITED NATIONS,
RECALLING DECISION 2 (X), ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON 28
AUGUST 1974,
HAVING CONSIDERED ALSO, AT ITS ELEVENTH SESSION, GENERAL
ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3223 (XXIX) OF 6 NOVEMBER 1974 AND 3266
(XXIX) OF 10 DECEMBER 1974,
DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF ITS UNIQUE POSITION WITHIN THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM IN REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF THE ELIMINATION

OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND ENTERTAINING
A PROFOUND INTEREST IN AND CONCERN FOR THE SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISH-
MENT OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE DECADE,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
IN PARAGRAPH 10 OF RESOLUTION 3223 (XXIX), HAS COMMENDED THE
"ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME
FOR THE DECADE WITHIN ITS COMPETENCE UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DIS-
CRIMINATION",

NOTING THAT IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF ITS RESOLUTION 3266 (XXIX),
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENDORSED THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO
MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DECADE FOR
ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND THE PRO-
GRAMME FOR THE DECADE, TO THE TOTAL AND UNCONDITIONAL ELIMINATION
OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
POWERS VESTED IN IT BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE
ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, ESPECIALLY
BY CONCENTRATING ITS EFFORTS, PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 3,
9 AND 15 OF THE CONVENTION, ON PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS
WITH REGARD TO THE MOST FLAGRANT AND LARGE-SCALE MANIFESTATIONS
OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS WHICH ARE
STILL UNDER THE DOMINATION OF RACIST AND COLONIAL REGIMES
AND FOREIGN OCCUPATION,

1. AFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS
TO FULFIL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE CONVENTION,
ON THE BASIS OF CONTINUING CO-OPERATION OF THE STATES
PARTIES, THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOALS
AND OBJECTIVES OF THE DECADE;

2. EXPRESSES ITS READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DECADE, FOR EXAMPLE, BY:
(A) TAKING PART IN THE PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE
ON COMBATING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPH
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13 (A) OF THE PROGRAMME;
(B) PARTICIPATING IN THAT CONFERENCE;
(C) TAKING PART IN THE PREPARATION FOR, AND PARTICIPATING IN,
INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL SEMINARS ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPH
13 (B) OF THE PROGRAMME;
(D) PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT WORKSHOPS PROVIDED FOR IN
PARAGRAPH 15 (B) OF THE PROGRAMME, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE
TO TOPICS RELATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE
ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION;
(E) ASSISTING IN THE PREPARATION OF PILOT STUDIES CONTEMPLATED
UNDER PARAGRAPH 15 (D) OF THE PROGRAMME;

3. RECOMMENDS THAT:
(A) AN ITEM, OR ITEMS, ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON
THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND
THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL

DISCRIMINATION UNDER THAT CONVENTION BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA
OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON COMBATING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION;
(B) PAPERS ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION BE PRESENTED AT THAT WORLD
CONFERENCE;
(C) A SEMINAR BE DEVOTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION
AND THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF;
(D) THE QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS ENTRUSTED
WITH PREPARING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 18 (E) OF
THE PROGRAMME, INCLUDE A QUESTION ON THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH
HAVE PREVENTED THE RATIFICATION OF, OR ACCESSION TO, THE
CONVENTION BY MEMBER STATES WHICH ARE NOT PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION;
(E) COPIES OF THE BIENNIAL REPORTS OF MEMBER STATES RECEIVED
UNDER THE AFOREMENTIONED PARAGRAPH BE TRANSMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE;
4. EXPRESSES THE VIEW THAT, IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE
THE MOMENTUM OF ACTION ON THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DECADE,
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THE SETTING UP
OF A SPECIAL TASK FORCE WITHIN THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
FOR THIS PURPOSE;
5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT THE TEXT
OF THIS DECISION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 18 (F)
(I) OF THE PROGRAMME, TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FOR
CONSIDERATION AT ITS FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION, AND TO INFORM
THE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT SESSION OF THE ACTION TAKEN ON THIS
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